



PADIHAM

Urban District Council

MINUTES

OF

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES.

FEBRUARY, 1903.

PADIHAM

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The Urban District Council of Padiham.

Small-Pox Sub-Committee.

Tuesday, January 13th, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Cottier (Chairman), Foster, Hargreaves, Horne, Murphy and Riding.

RESOLVED—That the present inmates of No's. 24, 26, 28, and 30, St. Giles Street, Padiham, be permitted to leave those premises on Thursday the 15th inst., proper precautions being first taken for the disinfection of their clothing, and that the premises then be closed for a period of three days to enable the Inspector of Nuisances to have the same thoroughly disinfected.

The Inspector of Nuisances reported the result of his enquiries with respect to the woman referred to in the minutes of the meeting of the Health Committee held on the 5th January inst., and the statement which he had obtained from her. as to the places she had visited during her absence from Padiham.

RESOLVED—That a copy of such statement be sent to the Sanitary Officer of Rawtenstall, with a request for his observations thereon.

Monthly Meeting of the Council.

Thursday, January 15th, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Jackson, (Chairman), Bridge, Briggs, Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves. Holland, Horne, Monk, Moorhouse, Murphy, Riding, Roberts and Robinson.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

Minutes of Council Meeting.

RESOLVED—That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held 18th December, 1902. having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and confirmed, as a correct record of the proceedings.

Minutes of Committee Meetings.

RESOLVED—That the Minutes of the undermentioned Committees held on the following dates be confirmed :—

Council in Committee.....	December 18th, 1902.
Finance and Assessment Committee	January 8th, 1903.
Gas and Water Committee	„ 8th, 1903.
Building, Highway and Sewerage Committee	„ 8th „
Health Committee	December 29th, 1902 & Jan. 6th and 8th 1903.
General Purposes Committee	„ 8th „
School Attendance Committee	„ 8th „

RESOLVED—That the minutes of the meeting of the Technical Instruction Committee held 6th January, 1903, be confirmed subject to the resolution relative to Examination Fees being amended by deleting the words “are successful” and inserting the words “sit at the Examination,” in place thereof.

Sinking Fund.

RESOLVED—That the treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of £2263 1s. 4d. from the revenue account to the sinking fund account.

Sale of Consols.

RESOLVED—That the Treasurer of the Council be and he is hereby instructed to sell sufficient Consols belonging to the Council to realise the sum of £47 11s. 5d. clear of all expenses.

Loans.

RESOLVED—That the Council do hereby confirm the borrowing, under the provisions of the Padiham Local Board Act, 1899, of the further sum of £500 for the purposes of the piping of Churn Clough to Stainscombe, in connection with the Council's Water Works.

New Mortgages.

RESOLVED—That the Council do hereby approve of the Mortgages set out in the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Assessment Committee, held on the 8th January, 1903, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgages.

Purchase of Annuities.

RESOLVED—That the Council do hereby agree to purchase the Gas and Water Annuities set out in the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Assessment Committee, held on the 8th January, 1903, in accordance with the terms of the resolution of the said Committee with respect thereto passed on the 18th December, 1902.

County Rate.

RESOLVED—That the Chairman of the Council be and he is hereby authorised to sign the Return of the Annual Value of the whole of the property within the Township of Padiham liable to be assessed toward the County Rate as prepared by the Accountant.

Fire Engine.

RESOLVED—That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the sum of £400, required for the purpose of purchasing a new Steam Fire Engine.

Water Annuities.

RESOLVED—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the register of Water Annuities payable on the 15th February, 1903.

Supply of Gas to Altham Pit.

RESOLVED—That the Seal of the Council be now affixed, by the Chairman to one part of the agreement, between Henry Hargreaves Bolton and John Hargreaves of the one part, and the Council of the other part.

Sweet Home Buildings.

RESOLVED—That the Seal of the Council be now affixed by the Chairman to the Conveyance to the Council of Sweet Home Buildings, Burnley Road, Padiham, and also to the Deed of Confirmation of the same property.

Dean Brook Bridge.

RESOLVED—That the Council do hereby approve of the agreement with the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, in connection with the laying (by this Council) of a 4 inch gas main over Dean Brook Bridge, and that the Seal of the Council be now affixed by the Chairman to the said agreement.

Claim of Mr. Bridge.

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with this matter having been read, shewing that the sub-committee had arranged (subject to the consent of the Council) to pay Mr. Edward Bridge the sum of £20, together with £2 2s. the cost of his Solicitor, in full settlement of his claim for £36 for services alleged to have been rendered by him to the Council in respect of the Technical Institute, from the 21st of June 1901, to 27th February 1902.

RESOLVED—That the Council do confirm and adopt the arrangement entered into by the Sub-Committee with Mr. Edward Bridge.

Proposed New Township of Sabden.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to attend the Inquiry to be held by a Joint Committee of the County Council and the Borough of Burnley, at Sabden, on the 22nd January, 1903, and to oppose the inclusion within the New Township of any portion of the reservoirs sites or works belonging to this Council, except so much of the pipe line as is within the Township of Heyhouses and Northtown.

Education Act, 1902.

Councillor Foster reported his attendance at the Conference of the Technical Instruction Committee of the County Council and representatives of Urban District Councils, on Wednesday, the 14th January inst : with respect to this matter.

Small-pox.

RESOLVED—That a cheque be drawn and signed for £25, in favour of William Waddington, in payment of his account for food supplied to, and the cost of the lodgings, of the inmates who had been detained in Nos. 24, 26, 28 & 30 St.

Giles Street, Padiham, in accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of the small-pox sub-committee held 27th December, 1902.

Sweet Home Buildings.

RESOLVED—That the Surveyor be and he is hereby instructed to forthwith proceed with the work in connection with the taking down of the pallisading in front of the houses, and the excavation and flagging, to form the footpath to the Highway.

Postal Facilities.

Letter read from the Postmaster of Burnley stating that the Postal Authorities were unable to grant the request of the Council, to transfer that part of the Burnley postal area situate within the District of the Council, to the Padiham postal area.

Small-Pox Sub-Committee,

Saturday, 17th January, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Cottier (Chairman), Horne, Hargreaves and Moorhouse.

The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that a daughter of the occupier of 4 & 6, St. Giles Street, Padiham, suffering from small-pox had been removed to the Isolation Hospital.

RESOLVED—That the Inspector of Nuisances be and he is hereby instructed to use his best endeavours to prevail upon the occupier of the above mentioned premises to close such premises for a period of 14 days.

General Purposes Committee,

Monday, 19th January, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Moorhouse (Vice-Chairman), Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Riding and Roberts.

Proposed new Township of Sabden.

RESOLVED—That the Committee do approve of the plan prepared and submitted by the Surveyor and hereby instruct the Clerk to the Council to submit the same to the Joint Committee of the County Council and the Borough of Burnley at the enquiry to be held on Thursday the 22nd inst, and to request such Joint Committee to fix the Boundaries of the proposed new township of Sabden as shewn on the above mentioned plan.

RESOLVED—That Councillors Jackson, Foster, Hargreaves and Moorhouse, do constitute a Sub-committee to attend with the necessary officials of the Council the enquiry to be held at Sabden on Thursday the 22nd January inst.

Small-pox Sub-Committee.

Monday, 19th January, 1903.

Present ;—Councillors Cottier (Chairman), Foster, Hargreaves, Horne, Moorhouse, Murphy, and Riding.

The Medical Officer of Health attended and reported that a case of Small-pox had occurred at 41, Mitton Street, Padiham.

RESOLVED—That the 3 remaining inmates of 41, Mitton Street be quarantined for the period of 14 days on the same terms and conditions as were adopted by the Committee on the first outbreak of Small-pox within the District in July last.

An Amendment moved—"That the three remaining inmates of 41, Mitton Street be disinfected and requested to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and in the event of their being willing to be so vaccinated or re-vaccinated they be not required to remain in quarantine," on being put to the meeting was lost.

RESOLVED—That subject to the Medical Officer of Health being satisfied that there is no further case of Small-pox likely to occur among the present inmates of 27, Guy Street, such inmates be disinfected and set at liberty and that the premises be closed for 3 days to enable the Inspector of Nuisances to have the same thoroughly disinfected.

Small-Pox Sub-Committee.

Tuesday, 20th January, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Cottier (Chairman), Foster, Hargreaves, Moorhouse, Murphy and Riding.

The Medical Officer of Health reported the further cases of Small-pox which had occurred in the district and the steps taken in connection therewith.

RESOLVED—That Councillars Murphy and Riding with the Inspector of Nuisances confer with Mr. Catlow with the view of thoroughly disinfecting the winding room at Orchard Mill.

RESOLVED—That further copies of the Notices issued by the Council in July last relative to Small-pox be printed and posted within the district of the Council with certain amendments thereto as now suggested to the Committee.

Gas Sub-Committee,

Tuesday, 27th January, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Roberts (Chairman), Jackson, Moorhouse and Riding.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

34, Burnley Road, Padiham.

RESOLVED—That the Gas and Water Committee be requested to recommend the Council to instruct the Surveyor to procure and have fixed, a new hot water Cylinder in the room now occupied as a bedroom, on the second floor of the premises No. 34, Burnley Road, Padiham.

RESOLVED—That the Gas and Water Committee, be requested to recommend the Council to instruct the Surveyor, to have the flooring on the ground floor of the premises No. 34, Burnley Road, Padiham, repaired.

RESOLVED—That the Gas and Water Committee be requested to recommend the Council to instruct the Surveyor, to procure a new Kitchen Range Boiler, and have the same fixed to the kitchen range of 36, Burnley Road, Padiham.

Meter Inspectors.

RESOLVED—That the Sub-Committee are unable to recommend the Gas and Water Committee to accede to the request of the Meter Inspectors, to be supplied with overcoats.

34b. Burnley Road.

It having been reported that Mr. Whitehead Lord, had sold the business of a Fried Fish and Chip Potato vendor, formerly carried on by him at 34b., Burnley Road, Padiham, and had agreed to transfer his tenancy of the premises to the purchaser.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk communicate with Mr. Lord, pointing out to him, that he had no power to sub-let the premises without having first obtained the sanction of the Council thereto, and ask for an explanation of the matter.

General Purposes Committee.

Tuesday, 27th January, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Jackson (Chairman), Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Moorhouse, Riding and Roberts.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

Scale of Travelling Expenses.

RESOLVED—That the Finance and Assessment Committee be recommended to advise the Council to adopt the undermentioned Scale of Allowances, to be made to Members when engaged on the business of the Council, viz :

When engaged in London.....£1 per day of 24 hours duration, in addition to 2nd. Class Railway fare.

When engaged in the Provinces, 15s. per day of 24 hours duration, in addition to 2nd. Class Railway fare.

When engaged for less than 24 hours, 2/6 for each meal partaken of whilst absent from Padiham, in addition to 2nd. Class Railway fare.

The Representatives of the Council on the Joint Hospital Board to have an inclusive allowance of 1/- for each journey to Burnley.

Financial Position.

The Committee having considered and discussed the Statement prepared by the Accountant, shewing certain items of probable expenditure by the Council, during the year ending 31st March, 1904.

RESOLVED—That a copy of the above-mentioned statement be supplied to each member of the Council.

Bye-Laws and Standing Orders.

RESOLVED—That the Chairman of the Council with Councillors Foster and Moorhouse do constitute a Sub-Committee, to revise the Bye-laws and Standing Orders of the Council, and submit a draft of such revised Bye-laws and Standing Orders, to this Committee for consideration.

Adoptive Acts.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk do prepare a list of adoptive Acts, applicable to Urban District Councils, showing thereon the Acts or parts thereof already adopted by the Council.

Sub-Gas Committee.

Thursday, 29th January, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Roberts (Chairman), Jackson, Moorhouse and Riding.

34, Burnley Road, Padiham.

RESOLVED—That in consequence of the bursting of the hot water pipes at 34, Burnley Road, Padiham, the Surveyor be, and he is hereby instructed to forthwith procure and have fixed in the said premises a new Hot Water Cylinder, and make good the pipes in connection therewith, and also to have the necessary works executed for the proper ventilation of the dining-room and kitchen of such premises.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council,

Friday, 6th, February, 1903.

Present :—Councillor Jackson (Chairman), Bridge, Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Horne, Moorhouse, Murphy, Riding, & Roberts.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

Education Act, 1902.

RESOLVED—That this Council is of opinion that the powers exercisable by the County Councils, under Part III. of the Education Act, 1902, should in the case of Urban District Councils, having a population under 20,000, be delegated to local committees, to be appointed by such District Councils subject to the approval of the County Council.

RESOLVED—That a copy of the above resolution be sent to the Director of Education of the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and also to the Secretary of the Lancashire Urban District Councils Association.

RESOLVED—That a Committee consisting of three members of the Council be constituted, with instructions to consider and watch the development of the scheme approved by the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, under the Education Act 1902, and to prepare so soon as opportunity occurs, draft proposals for applying the whole or some part or parts of the said scheme to the District of this Council, in accordance with the terms of the resolution first above contained, and submit such draft proposals to Council for consideration.

RESOLVED—That the Chairman of the Council with Councillors Foster and Moorhouse do constitute such last mentioned Committee, with power to attend any Conference or meetings, convened either by the County Council or the Lancashire Urban District Councils' Association, upon the Education Act, 1902, or matters arising thereunder.

Finance and Assessment Committee,

Friday, 6th. February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Bridge, Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Holland, Horne, Jackson, Moorhouse, Murphy, Riding and Roberts.

RESOLVED—That in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Jackson do take the chair.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

Padiham Bridge.

Mr. Edmund Arthur Le Gendre Starkie, having generously consented to waive the conditions contained in the letter of Mr. Howsin, of the 12th November last, requiring the Council to undertake to build a retaining wall along the river side from the northerly corner of Mrs. Hull's property to the line of the proposed new Bridge Wall.

RESOLVED—That the Council be recommended to approve and seal the Plan shewing the proposed widening of Padiham Bridge as now amended by the County Bridgemaster, and submitted to this Committee.

Technical Instruction Committee,

Tuesday, February 10th, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Foster (Chairman), Horne, Moorhouse, Murphy, Roberts and Robinson and Messrs. Bradshaw, Green, Hargreaves, Knapton and Proger.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Bazaar Goods.

RESOLVED—That a Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Hargreaves, make arrangements for the disposal of goods left over from the Bazaar.

Closing of the Science Classes.

RESOLVED—That the classes in Magnetism and Electricity, Sound, Light and Heat, Physiology and Hygiene, close for the session, with the Examination under the Lancashire and Cheshire Union.

Mr. J. T. Smith's Resignation.

RESOLVED—That the resignation of Mr. J. T. Smith, as a member of this Committee, be accepted, owing to his removal from the town.

Accounts.

RESOLVED—That the Accounts as presented by the Accountant be recommended to the Finance Committee for payment.

	£	s.	d.
Wages { Caretaker £6 6s. 0d.	6	15	3
{ Coke Carting 9s. 3d.			
Revenue A/cs.....	29	5	2
Weaving Room.....	2	9	5
Bazaar Funds	22	2	0
£62 Grant.....	7	15	0
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	£68	6	10
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Sub-Gas Committee.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Roberts (Chairman) Jackson, Moorhouse, Monk, Murphy and Riding, and Councillor Hargreaves by invitation.

Enquiry.

RESOLVED—That the undermentioned report of the Sub-Gas Committee relative to the recent trouble at the Council's Gas Works, be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Committee, and submitted to the Gas and Water Committee of the Council for adoption.

(See copy of Report in minutes of the meeting of the Gas and Water Committee of this date.)

Finance and Assessment Committee,

Wednesday, 11th February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Monk (Chairman), Bridge, Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Holland, Horne, Ingham, Jackson, Moorhouse, Murphy, Robinson, Riding and Roberts.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 8th January, 1903, were read.

Accounts.

RESOLVED—That the Bills and Accounts as presented to the Committee and set out in the undermentioned summary be passed and recommended to the Council for payment, and that cheques be drawn therefore, viz :

SUMMARY.

ACCOUNTS INVOICED.	£	s.	d.
Public Health and General Depts...	248	13	11
Gas Department	645	14	2
ACCOUNTS NOT INVOICED.			
Wages	524	0	0
Gas A/c's. (Rents, Interest etc.) ...	615	14	7
Gas Deposits Repaid	13	15	0
Water A/c's. (Rents, Interest etc.)..	250	15	7
Burnley Road Wall	1	7	2
Sweet Home Property	1	12	3
River Wall.....	140	14	8
District Roads	0	6	3
Steam Roller	1	0	5
Horses, Carts, &c.....	2	5	9
Sewerage	26	10	10
Nightsoil and Scavenging.....	4	12	10
Refuse Destructor	28	0	10
Fire Brigade	3	10	9
Cemetery	4	18	1
Technical School	29	5	2
School Attendance	5	16	10
Carried Forward...	£2538	15	1

	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward. .2548	15	1	
Market	13	5	3
Small-pox	16	6	10
Infectious Diseases Notification Act	2	7	6
Allotments (Stockbridge).....	0	14	9
do (Green, Grove etc).....	2	18	8
Public Clock	3	16	9
New Towns' Yard.....	3	18	9
Tramway	5	19	8
Salaries	25	0	0
Establishment	61	6	9

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

Weaving Room	2	9	5
Technical Bazaar Fund	22	2	0
do £62 County Grant	7	15	0
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	£2716	16	5
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Damage to Lamp.

RESOLVED—That the account amounting to £1 13s. 3d. for repairing the pillar lamp in Sowerby Street, damaged by a runaway horse and lurry in June last, be written off.

Gas Stores Accounts.

RESOLVED—That the Accountant be and he is hereby instructed to to prepare and have printed the necessary book or books for the keeping of proper accounts of the stores at the Councils' Gas Works.

Breaking open of Slot Meter.

RESOLVED—That the offer of the occupier of 30, St. James Street to pay the sum of 7/6, the estimated amount abstracted from the slot meter in that house, be accepted, and the person alleged to have taken out the amount be reprimanded.

Loan for Gas Works.

RESOLVED—That the Council be recommended to make application to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the sum of £1,500 being as to £1,000 the amount already expended, and to be expended in and about the renewal of the retorts at the Council's Gas Works, on the regenerative principle, and as to £500 for the purchase of Gas Meters.

Furnishing of Council Chamber & Offices.

The report of the Sub-Furnishing Committee was read.

RESOLVED—That the report be received and adopted, and entered on the Minutes.

RESOLVED—That the Council be recommended to make application to the Local Government Board, for sanction to borrow the sum of £300 for the purpose of properly ventilating, Decorating and Furnishing the Council Chamber and Offices.

Travelling Expenses.

RESOLVED—That the Council be recommended to adopt and Confirm the Scale of Allowances to be made to members when engaged on the business of the Council, as prepared by the General Purposes Committee.

An Amendment moved.—“That the Council be recommended to adopt and confirm the Scale of Allowances to be made to Members when engaged on the business of the Council as prepared by the General Purposes Committee except that part relating to the allowance to be made to the Representatives of the Council on the Joint Hospital Board” on being put to the meeting was lost.

Banking Account.

Letters read from the Craven Bank Ltd. and the Manchester and County Bank stating the terms upon which the Banks were prepared to accept the banking business of the Council.

RESOLVED—That the Council be recommended to accept the terms offered by the Craven Bank Ltd. and to continue the banking business of the Council with that Bank and that the thanks of the Council be given to the Manchester and County Bank for having quoted their terms.

Telephone to Registrar of Cemetery.

RESOLVED—That subject to the Registrar of the Public Cemetery being prepared to contribute one moiety of the annual rental for extending the telephone system from the Council offices to the Registrars House the Council be recommended to enter into an agreement with the National Telephone Company in respect of such extension at the charge of £4 10s. per annum.

Water for Heating Purposes.

The Surveyor reported the result of his enquiries as to the practice in other towns with respect to the charges for water used for the purpose of heating apparatuses fixed in shops and private dwelling houses

Gas and Water Committee.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Roberts (Chairman), Bridge, Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Holland, Horne, Ingham, Jackson, Moorhouse, Monk, Murphy, Riding and Robinson.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

THE minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 8th January, 1903, were read.

The minutes of the Meetings of the Sub-Gas Committee held on the 27th and 29th January, and 11th February, 1903, were read.

Enquiry.

The report of the Sub-Gas Committee with reference to the recent trouble at the Gas Works was read.

RESOLVED—That the report be received and adopted, and entered upon the minutes, and printed.

An amendment moved—"That the Report be received and adopted and entered on the minutes, but not printed"—on being put to the meeting was lost.

Copy of Report.

Report of the Sub-Gas Committee of the Urban District Council of Padiham, with respect to the trouble at the Council's Gas Works, on the 29th and 30th December, 1902.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of the Gas and Water Committee, held on the 8th January inst : the Sub-Committee have held three meetings upon the matters referred to the Sub-Committee for enquiry, and have interviewed in addition to Lansbury & Easenby, Mr. Cooney, Mr. Altham and Middlesbrough (blacksmith), five of the employees at the Council's Gas Works, who were present on the occasion of the trouble between Lansbury and Easenby on the night of Monday the 29th, December last, and after carefully considering the statements made by each of the above mentioned persons, the sub-committee are of opinion that such statements prove :

1.—That on the night of Monday the 29th December, 1902, Easenby left the Gas Work at about 9-30, and did not return until 11 o'clock, that on his return Lansbury spoke to him about his having been away so long, whereupon a squabble and fight took place between them, during which Lansbury appears to have used a great deal of bad language, with the result that owing to Easenby using offensive remarks towards Lansbury the latter directed Easenby to give over and leave the Gas Works.

2.—That on Tuesday the 30th December, 1902, Easenby went to the Gas Works with Mr. Cooney, after having first taken certain steps to to secure the attendance of Councillor Murphy and the Gas Manager, when Mr. Cooney gave the members of the Sub-Committee, present on that occasion, to understand that he was representing the Gas Workers' Union, and upon that understanding the matter was enquired into by the members of the Committee then present, viz : Councillors Roberts, Jackson and Murphy, when Easenby was reinstated and all matters so far as the dispute was concerned were arranged satisfactorily to all parties.

3.—That Lansbury understood that in the absence of the Manager he was empowered either to discharge or suspend any workman not properly doing his work, and says that he is to-day only occupying the position which he held under the previous Gas Manager, and that the Employees at the works have always understood that Lansbury had the power to shop or discharge the men.

The Sub-Committee therefore find :

(a) That Lansbury did wrong in exceeding his duty by being the aggressor, but the Sub-Committee consider that he was so under great provocation, and recommend that the Gas & Water Committee do censure Lansbury for such conduct, and he be requested to send an apology through the Gas Manager for having used physical force when unnecessary.

(b) That Easenby had not been a member of the Gas Workers' Union for over twelve months, and that Mr. Cooney, on the 30th December, 1902, made misrepresentations with respect to his being connected with the Gas Workers' Union, he never having been connected with, or recognised by the Union, either as an official or otherwise, and that the sub-committee deprecate the action both of Easenby and Mr. Cooney in resorting to such conduct, the Committee always being ready and willing to listen to all representations from duly constituted organisations of labour, concerning matters relating to the employees under the Council.

(c) That Lansbury neither has, nor has had, the power to discharge, suspend, or take on workmen at the Gas Works, but the Sub-Committee are of opinion that under extraordinary circumstances, in the absence of the Gas Manager, a man in the position occupied by Lansbury, at the Gas Works, should have the power to suspend a workman.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1903.

WILLIAM ROBERTS, Chairman.

34b, Burnley Road.

The Clerk having reported the result of an interview with Mr Whitehead Lord.

RESOLVED—That Mr. Whitehead Lord's explanation be accepted and arrangements be made for accepting Mr. Robert Wilkinson as tenant of these premises subject to his entering into an agreement for a three months tenancy thereof.

Gas Engineer's Report.

The Gas Manager's Report for the past month was taken as read.

RESOLVED—That that the report be received and entered on the Minutes.

Water Engineer's Report.

	WATER IN RESERVE.	RAINFALL.
JANUARY, 1903 59ft. 6in.	4·20
JANUARY, 1902 60ft. 9in.	4·5

RESOLVED—That the Report of the Water Engineer be received and entered on the minutes.

Eatage of waterworks Ground at Stainscombe.

RESOLVED—That the tender of Mr. John Whitwell of the sum of £3 5s. for the Eatage of the Council's Waterworks Ground at Stainscombe for the year ending 2nd February, 1904, be accepted.

Hours & Wages of Gas Workers.

RESOLVED—That the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to ascertain the hours worked and wages paid to employees at the Gas Works belonging to Urban District Councils of a similar size to the Works owned by this Council.

Tenders.

RESOLVED—To advertise for Tenders, for the purchase of the surplus Tar and Ammoniacal Liquor, to be produced at the Council's Gas Works during the year ending 31st March, 1904.

RESOLVED—To advertize for Tenders for Lime, and the Carting required at the Council's Gas Works during the year ending 31st March, 1904.

Building, Highway and Sewerage Committee.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Riding (Chairman), Bridge, Briggs, Cottier, Foster, Hargreaves, Holland, Horne, Ingham, Jackson, Monk, Moorhouse, Murphy, Roberts and Robinson.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 8th January, 1903, were read.

Plans.

RESOLVED—That the plan submitted by Mr. W. T. Webster of the proposed back yards, and the erection of water closets, to the houses Nos. 2 to 16 (even Nos.) Adamson Street be approved, subject to the staircases to the houses Nos. 6 & 8 being reversed so that the bedrooms of those two houses may each have a separate entrance.

Bridge from Inkerman St. to Whittaker St.

Resolution moved—That the Plan of the proposed Bridge from Inkerman Street to Whittaker Street, as now amended by the Surveyor, and the scheme for the erection of such Bridge be approved and recommended to the Council for acceptance.

An amendment moved—"That the consideration of the amended plan and scheme, for the erection of the proposed Bridge from Inkerman Street to Whitfaker Street, do stand adjourned for the present"—when on the amendment being put to the meeting, the Chairman declared the same carried.

PADIHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gas Manager's Monthly Report, January 31st, 1903.

	TOTAL TO LAST MONTH END.	ADDED THIS MONTH,	TOTAL TO THIS MONTH END,	TOTAL TO END OF CORRESPONDING MONTH LAST YEAR,
Total Number of Retorts in the Works ...	82	Nil	82	80
Retorts at Work (These are all averages)	25.35	49.67	27.81	30.83
Retorts charged	26,817	5,988	32,805	48,283
Coal Carbonized	3,706 tons 4 cwts.	824 tons 16 cwts.	4,531 tons 0 cwts.	4,678 tons 5 cwts.
Cannel ,,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Oil used	Nil Galls.	Nil Galls.	Nil Galls.	168 Galls.
Gas produced per ton, Carbonised	10,195 Cubic Feet	10,264 Cubic Feet	10,209 Cubic Feet	9,834 Cubic Feet
Total Gas Produced	37,793,000 ,, ,,	8,466,000 ,, ,,	46,259,000 ,, ,,	46,010,000 ,, ,,
Increase—Decrease	Increase 87,000 ,, ,,	Increase 162,000 ,, ,,	Increase 249,000 ,, ,,	
Gas sent out	37,877,000 ,, ,,	8,479,000 ,, ,,	46,356,000 ,, ,,	45,880,000 ,, ,,
Increase—Decrease	Increase 221,000 ,, ,,	Increase 255,000 ,, ,,	Increase 476,000 ,, ,,	
Candle Power	Max. 20 } Av. 19.16 Min. 18½ }	Max. 19½ } Av. 19.09 Min. 18 }	Max. } Av. Min. }	Max. } Av. Min. }
Weight of Coke Sold	1,916 tons 15 cwts.	392 tons 10 cwts. 2 qrs.	2,309 tons 5 cwts. 2 qrs.	1818 tons 3 cwts.
,, Tar ,,	234 ,, 5 ,,	53 ,, 9 ,, 2 ,,	287 ,, 14 ,, 2 ,,	260 ,, 3 ,,
,, Liquor Sold 6 0/0 T....	272 ,, 5 ,,	63 ,, 5 ,,	335 ,, 10 ,,	462 ,, 16 ,,
,, Lime Received	62 ,, 2 ,,	19 ,, 5 ,,	81 ,, 7 ,,	129 tons 3 cwts 1 qrs.
Purifiers Changed	48	12	60	94
Received from Cash Sales	£409 6 6	£68 17 8	£478 4 2	£568 5 3
TOTAL WAGES PAID	£1238 16 1	£209 15 11	£1,448 12 2	£1,256 1 0
Manufacture { (Analysis of Wages).				
Carbonising and Purifying	£579 8 1 } £760 1 4	£145 15 4 } £165 2 9	£725 3 5 } £925 4 1	£766 4 6 } £898 11 1½
Repairs, Renewals, & Maint'nce (at Works)	£180 13 3	£19 7 5	£200 0 8	£132 6 7½
Extension {				
Extension (at Works)	£180 13 5	Nil	£180 13 5	
Main Extensions, and Servicing	£20 15 10 } £90 2 7	£7 14 0 } £12 19 11	£28 9 10 } £103 2 6	£57 7 2½ } £129 10 5
Fixing Meters, Cookers etc.	£69 6 9	£5 5 11	£74 12 8	£72 3 2½
Meter Inspectors	£91 8 0	£12 0. 0	£103 8 0	£92 13 6
Street Lighting {				
LAMPS—Lighting, Cleaning etc.	£109 3 5 } £116 10 9	£16 19 11 } £19 13 3	£126 3 4 } £136 4 0	£127 9 7 } £135 5 11½
Repairs and Extensions	£7 7 4	£2 13 4	£10 0 8	£7 18 2½
REMARKS				

A. J. JACKSON, MANAGER.

Tenders.

RESOLVED—That tenders be advertised for the materials & articles required in the Surveyors Department, for the year ending March 31st, 1904.

Private Street Works.

RESOLVED—That Surveyor be and he is hereby instructed to proceed forthwith with the works in connection with the Sewering, Levelling, Paving, Channelling and making good of Back Wheat Street, (from Thompson St. to Back Hapton Road) Back Hapton Road, (from Wheat Street to Bradshaw St.) Back Blackburn Road, (from Parsons Lane to end of houses in Blackburn Road) and Back Cotton Street. The necessary Notices having been served on the owners of the property fronting, adjoining and abutting upon the above-mentioned streets.

Health Committee.

Wednesday 11th February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Cottier (Chairman), Bridge, Briggs, Foster, Hargreaves, Holland, Horne, Ingham, Jackson, Moorhouse, Monk, Murphy, Riding, Roberts and Robinson.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 8th January, 1903, were read.

Small-pox Sub-Committee.

The minutes of the meetings of the Small-Pox Sub-Committee held on the 13th, 17th, 19th and 20th January 1903, were read.

Nuisance at Levant Mill.

RESOLVED—That notice be served on the owners of Levant Mill, Thompson Street, to abate within 14 days from the service of such notice, the nuisance arising at the said premises, owing to the insanitary condition and want of ventilation of the urinal belonging thereto.

Joint Hospital Board.

RESOLVED—That the Council be recommended to request the Joint Hospital Board to have the Minutes of the proceedings of that Board and of its Committees printed, and a copy thereof sent to each member of the Board and the constituent Authorities, and to give the same publicity to the meetings of the Board, as is given by Municipal Corporations and District Councils, by the admission of reporters attached to the Press, to such meetings.

Reports of the Medical Officer of Health.

RESOLVED—That the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the quarter ending 31st December 1902, and the Annual Report of such officer for the year ending 31st December, 1902, be printed with the Minutes.

Quarterly Report.

GENTLEMEN :

I beg to submit to your notice the statistics for last Quarter, ending December 31st, 1902.

The Deaths number 52 giving a death rate of 17·04 per 1,000, per annum, of these deaths, six occurred in persons over 70 years of age, nineteen in children under one year, and eight in children between one and two. The chief causes of the twenty seven deaths in children under two years of age, are stated as :— Premature Birth, 2. Convulsions, 2. Congenital Weakness, 4. Diarrhoea, 2. Chest Troubles, 11. Malnutrition, 1. Diphtheria, 2.

The Births number 91, giving a birth rate of 29·80.

There have been 24 reports of Infections Diseases :—Typhoid Fever, 1. Puerperal Fever, 1. Erysipelas, 5. Diphtheria, 6. Scarlet Fever, 4. (Three removed to Sanatorium). Small-pox, 7. (All removed to Hospital).

I am, Gentleman,

Yours obediently,

WALTER SMITHIES.

Annual Medical Report, 1902.

I beg to present to you my report as to the health in this district during the year 1902.

The population is 12,205, and the area (in acres) 976. The number of inhabited houses is 2760, giving an average of 4·4 per house.

BIRTHS :—

Number 339. Males, 176. Females, 163. (Illegitimate, 20), giving a birth rate of 26·95 as compared with 27·93 for last year. It might be noticed here that 65 children have died during the year under one year of age, making the rate of infant deaths under one year to 1,000 births into 191·74. This is far too high and will be referred to again in this report.

DEATHS :—

The deaths for the year number 195. Males 89, Females 106, giving a death rate of 15·97 as compared with 20·40 for last year.

The deaths last year numbered 249. The average rate for the last two years is 18·18. This rate is too high, and as I have mentioned many times previously I consider it to be due to the large number of deaths in children under one year. In this case exactly one-third of the total deaths being in children at that period.

The deaths of children up to 5 years of age total 96 which is practically half of the whole number of deaths for the year.

The infant death rate as mentioned above is 191·74 as compared with 219·94 for last year. I pointed out last quarter, that I considered this to be in great part due to the too constant employment of the mothers in the mill, which gives rise to the very prevalent nursing out system, & also that a great proportion of the mothers were very ignorant as to the feeding and nursing of their children.

During this year 35 deaths are recorded as due to “Congenital Debility” “Convulsions” and “Premature Births.” There ought to be strict regulations with regard to the employment of women in Mills.

The chief causes of the deaths are as follows :—Measles, 13. Scarlet Fever, 3. Whooping Cough, 1. Diptheria, 5. Phthisis and other tubercular diseases, 10. Cancer, 5. Chest diseases, 36. Heart disease, 20. Congenital Debility, 35. Accident, 1. Suicide 1. These numbers give a zymotic death rate of 1·80, and a death rate from Tubercular Diseases of ·81 as compared with corresponding rate of 1·63 and 1·72 last year. These rates are by no means high.

Thirty-three deaths have occurred in persons over sixty-five. Almost all the deaths from Measles were due to complications. The disease itself not being of a severe type. One of the deaths from diptheria was in a child whose parents had only removed to this town a couple of days before. Two others occurred in a house where no sanitary defect could be discovered, nor in the other two cases could any cause be assigned, and the disease did not spread from these particular cases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES :—

The reports for the year number 178. Small Pox 39. Diptheria 13. Membranous Croup 2. Erysipelas 14. Scarlet Fever 105. Typhoid Fever 2. Continued Fever 1. Puerperal Fever 2.

Scarlet Fever continued from January to October since which month there has been no report. Fifty eight of the cases were removed to the Sanatorium, two of which died, both were of a very severe type. Three deaths as previously stated occurred in the town. On the whole the parents are becoming much more reconciled to the removal of their children to this institution, but some are strenuously opposed to it.

SMALL POX :—

This disease was reported here on the 19th, of July and the last case of the first out-break was reported on the 9th, of September, 32 cases occurred in all. Another case was reported on the 23rd, of October but had no connection with the previous out-break.

Another case was reported on the 27th, of December and was succeeded by five others before the end of the year, making a total (since the first report) of thirty nine cases.

The first out-break was due to the visit of a Padiham man to Brierfield, where small pox was at the time prevalent. This case was of a very mild nature and was not considered to be small pox, the man's wife however contracted the disease and eventually, their child. The woman had been so little affected that she followed her work in the mill. Seventeen cases sprang directly from the room in which she worked and the remaining fourteen from contact with one or other of the seventeen, nine of the fourteen occurred in the houses of the early cases, and five from contact outside, one in particular from assisting with some infected bedding

The October case came from Shaw, the man must have had the disease before he left there.

In like manner the December cases were commenced in the town by a hawker who had been travelling about from place to place, he was staying at the time in a lodging house, six more cases rapidly succeeded this one.

The inmates of infected houses have been quarantined for 14 days—or longer if considered necessary—Vaccination has been offered to them and performed in all cases where consent was obtained. Careful disinfection of places, bedding and clothes has been carried out.

With regard to the bedding and clothes, I would mention here again that this matter would be much simplified had we a disinfectant of our own.

Sulphur Dioxide gas has been used for the houses and mills. The Authority has now also procured a Formalin pump.

Of the thirty nine cases, thirty one have been nursed in hospital at Crown Point, eight being unavoidably kept at home, in the first place on account of lack of room, in fact the hospital was not ready to receive them ; these eight cases however were exceedingly mild. There have been two deaths, one of an infant of eleven months old, and the other of an adult male 42 years of age.

AGES OF THE PATIENTS :—

Under twelve months, 2. Between five and ten, 3. Ten and twenty, 2. Twenty and thirty, 10. Thirty and forty, 4. Forty and fifty, 14. Over fifty, 4.

VACCINATION :—

Thirty three of the patients had been vaccinated in infancy. Six were unvaccinated, five of these being children. In no case had re-vaccination been performed. Even in this number of cases I have had abundant proof that vaccination *protects* the young, that it modifies the disease in later life, and if it has been performed twice that it is a certain protection.

The general sanitary condition of the town is not quite what it might be, particularly with regard to the closet accommodation at many of the older houses, the pail system is still much in vogue, and it is in this class of property especially, with the little cramped

back yards, that the conversion from this system to the Water Carriage system should be quickly carried out. There are still some of the old ashpits left, these ought not to be allowed. It would be distinctly advantageous if a more vigorous house to house inspection into these details were pursued, and for the Health Committee to see for themselves as they are reported. Of combined closets for instance there are far too many, and the matter has come up frequently.

The Lodging Houses require more systematic inspection, and the existing regulations with regard to them to be strictly insisted upon. Slaughter Houses are private and no complaints have been made with regard to them, but even with regard to these, public ones would be much better and more under direct control.

The Water Supply is excellent.

The Sewerage System, in the main is satisfactory. The Destructor effectually disposes of the refuse, so that we have the chief accessories of a good sanitary system.

The Schools, all in the town, were closed for one month during the Measles outbreak.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

WALTER SMITHIES.

Congress of Sanitary Institute.

RESOLVED—That the consideration of the Letter from the Sanitary Institute relating to the Congress to be held in July next stand adjourned until the ordinary meeting of this Committee in May next.

Defective Privies and Ashpits.

RESOLVED—That Notices be served on the owners of 2, 4, 6 & 8, New Street and the houses in Hall Hill and North Street all situate within the District of the Council requiring them within 14 days from the date of such notice to provide sufficient Privies and Ashpits furnished with proper doors and coverings to each of the above mentioned premises.

RESOLVED—That notices be served on the owners of 8 Shuttleworth Street and 12, 14, 16 & 18 Back Shuttleworth Street all situate within the District of the Council requiring them within 14 days from the date of such notice to provide sufficient ashpits furnished with proper doors and coverings to each of the above mentioned premises.

Nuisance.

RESOLVED—That Notice be served on the owners of 20 Levant Street situate within the District of this Council requiring them within 14 days from the date of such notice to abate the nuisance arising at such premises owing to the defective state and condition of the Back Yard.

General Purposes Committee.

Wednesday, 11th Febtuary, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Moorhouse (Vice-Chairman), Cottier, Foster, Monk, Riding and Roberts.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read.

Hapton Water Supply.

The letter from the Clerk of the Parish Council of Hapton, with the copy Resolution passed by the Parish Council relating to this matter, was read.

School Attendance Committee,

Thursday, 12th February, 1903.

Present :—Councillors Hargreaves (Chairman), Ingham, Horne, and Robinson.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were read.

Defaulters.

The School Attendance Officer reported the several proceedings which he had taken against the defaulters dealt with at the last meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED—That Nellie Simpson, Mary A. Donovan, Bertha Bispham, Percy Randal, Annie Hope and Ruth Ainsworth be allowed to remain away from School until the end of March next.

RESOLVED—That Sarah Blezard be allowed to remain away from School two half days each week until the end of March next.

RESOLVED—That Maud Holden, Mary Conway and Annie Kenyon be allowed to attend School as half-timers until the end of March next.

RESOLVED—That unless Charles Stevenson, Harold Fishwick, George and Thomas Helm, James Astin, Mordecai and Hargreaves Kenyon, Lizzie Moss, Anthony Armstrong, Mary Ada and Annie Hudson and William Thomas Metcalfe forthwith attend School and continue to make regular attendance the School Attendance Officer is hereby instructed to prosecute the respective parents of such above mentioned children.

RESOLVED—That William Cowley must regularly attend School in the future.

RESOLVED—That the Committee refrain from instructing the School Attendance Officer to prosecute Arthur Bradley in respect of the previous non-attendance at School of his children Ada and Lily Bradley upon the condition that they are sent regularly to School in future.

RESOLVED—That the consideration of the case of Bridget Gateley stand adjourned until the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

Labour Examination.

The Clerk reported the result of the Labour Certificate Examination held at the Technical Institute on Friday the 30th January last, when out of 35 Scholars who sat for the examination 17 passed.

Call on Overseers.

RESOLVED—That the Chairman and two members of this Committee do sign a call on the Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Padiham, for the sum of £40 on account of expenses of this Committee and that the Clerk to the Committee do countersign the same.

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PADIHAM.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
SUMMARY.

Month ending	Accommodation.			SCHOLARS BETWEEN 3 AND 15 YEARS.										Per Centage of Attendances. Full Timers only. Infants	Per Centage of Attendances. Full Timers only. St'nd'rds	No. of Defaulting Scholars
				NUMBER ON REGISTER.				AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.								
	Mixed.	Inf'ts.	Total.	F. Time St'nd'rds	F. Time Infants	Half Timers	Total	F. Time St'nd'rds	F. Time Infants	Half Timers	Total					
Jan. 31st, 1903.																
Mill Street	344	306	650	198	118	31	347	173	105	15	293	87.37	89.00	—		
Partridge Hill.....	318	150	468	275	190	43	508	249	139	21	409	90.54	73.15	—		
Padiham Green	220	88	308	212	109	36	357	191	94	18	303	90.09	86.23	—		
Wesleyan Cross Hills	400	150	550	190	104	20	314	166	84	10	260	87.37	80.77	—		
Wesleyan Cross Bank	333	121	454	214	140	24	378	193	112	12	317	90.18	80.00	—		
St. John's, R.C.	240	150	390	173	89	22	284	155	72	11	238	89.60	81.00	—		
Totals.....	1855	965	2820	1262	750	176	2188	1127	606	87	1820	89.19	81.70	—		
Corresponding Month last year...				1264	741	223	2228	1088	561	110	1759	86.00	75.20	—		

JAS. C. WADDINGTON, Clerk.

